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APPLICANT: PIEKEN *et al.*

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TITLE: METHOD FOR IMMOBILIZING  
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES EMPLOYING THE  
CYCLOADDITION BIOCONJUGATION  
METHOD

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**AMENDMENT AND REMARKS**

Dear Sir:

An Office Action was mailed in the above-captioned application on May 13, 2005. In such Office Action claims 1-3, 8, 11-18, 21 and 23-31 were pending. Claims 1-3, 8, 11-18, 21 and 25-31 were allowed and claims 23 and 24 were rejected. This document is submitted in response to said Office Action. Please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.